

Year 2018



Pray for Peace

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**31st Sunday of the Year
4th of November**

Liturgical Calendar

Today:

Year B. Mass prepared by Group 4.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Psalm 17. Hebrews 7:23-28. Mark 12:28-34.

Next Week 10-11/11.

1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 145. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44.

Mass Times:

Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7:30am & 9am.

Brighton – Sat. 5pm. Sun. 7am.

Sandgate – Sun. 9am. & 5pm.

Zillmere – Sat. 6pm. Sun. 7am. 9am. & 5pm.

Reconciliation:

Every Sat. 5:15pm to 5:45pm and before all weekend Masses.

Weekday Mass or Liturgy: 9am.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Readings:

Mon. Philippians 2:1-4. P.130. Luke 14:12-14.

Tue. Philippians 2:5-11. P.21. Luke 14:15-24.

Wed. Philippians 2:12-18. P.26. Luke 14:25-33.

Thu. Philippians 3:3-8. P.104. Luke 15:1-10.

Fri. Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. P.45. John 2:13-22.

Sat. Philippians 4:10-19. P.111. Luke 16:9-15.

Mass at Home:

Both City and Regional. Channel 10. Sundays at 6am. Mass is available for viewing at any time at <http://www.mfyah.com.au/>

St. Stephen - Cathedral Mass:

Live at 10am., every Sunday on website: <http://bne.catholic.net.au/webcast>

Communion for the Sick:

To share our Sunday liturgies with sick family members and/or friends, please see Leader/Coordinator before Mass.

Reflection from:- the Word among us.

Parish News

St. Joseph's and St Anthony's Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills

Reflection.

**Reflection on the Gospel-31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 12:28-34)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus, and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death.

Goodness and fitness for the 'kin-dom' or 'empire of God' are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices, as Andrea is constantly reminded by her boyfriend Nate in "The Devil Wears Prada." For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire.

Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then we are more likely to tread lightly upon it.



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Parish Priest: Fr. Gerry Hefferan Ph: 3269 0446.

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Clare Kennedy

Pastoral Coordinator: Margaret Halpin

Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Hickey

School: 30 Eldorado St, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Mr. Gary Creevey, Ph: 3261 2858.

St. John Fisher College: John Fisher Drive, Bracken Ridge. Principal: Ms. Catherine Galvin, 3269 8188.

Parish Office: Bronwyn Venzke, bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Ph: 3261 3670. Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings.

St Vincent de Paul: Jeff Walsh

Parish Care Group: Marcia Caruso

Youth Leader: Emma Beach

Hospitality Group: June and Keith De Brouge,

Newsletter: Barbara Masterman (Cut-off time: noon Fridays).

Please leave the area facing the Parish Centre free for the elderly and those among us who have some mobility difficulties and need our sensitivity with parking even if it appears the area is not being used.

St. Vincent De Paul –

Columban Calendars for sale at \$10 each.
Christmas Cards are \$4 for a pack of 8. 'Keep Christ in Christmas' stickers \$1 per sheet now available at the Paper Table. Please make your selection and use the Honour Box supplied.

This is a gathering of the whole church –

in Australia in which all are invited to have a say about the future of the Catholic Church in our country. **An opportunity is available to gather with a small group to share thoughts on the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?'** It is anticipated that gatherings will be held after each of the weekend Masses 6pm, 7:30 am and 9am on a date to be advised. The session will take about 45 minutes. If you are interested in joining one of these discussions, would you please add your name to the list on the paper table. You are also welcome to reflect on this question and submit your response online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Please join us in praying for the success of this Council.

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Our prayers matter.

Pray for Peace. Let us all 'Pray@8' Pray@8 cards are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one for yourself and one to give away. "Loving God. Let your gentle presence settle over our troubled lands. Teach us to walk in the way of your peace. Amen."

Seniors' Monthly Get-Together.

Melbourne Cup Lunch. Tue. 6/11 commencing at 11am. Come along for an enjoyable time with friends. Sweeps available. Watch the excitement leading up to the race on the big screen. Lunch at midday. Please bring a plate of "finger food" to share. Enq. Peter & Margaret Guy

Children's Liturgy.

Today. In the Parish Centre during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9am. Mass. For students in Prep to Year 3. Rostered 11/11 Angela Keats. Enq. Barbara

Kindy Liturgy.

Sessions will be announced at the commencement of 9am. Mass. All 3, 4 & 5 year olds invited and welcome to join us in the Parish Centre. Enq. Margaret

OWe Pray God's Healing touch and love-

for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. To have family/friends included in our newsletter, please contact Barbara

Condolence.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have recently lost loved ones.

Recently Deceased:

Memorial:

All our deceased family members and friends.

Liturgy Roster.

Liturgy Preparation.

For weekend 17-18/11. Group 6. Enq. Margaret Halpin. All interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend any of the preparation sessions. Please contact the leader for dates, time and venue.

Leaders/ Proclaimers of the Word.

For next weekend, 10-11/11. Group 5.

Eucharistic Ministers.

For next weekend. Group 5.

Music Ministry.

For next weekend. Group 5.

Servers.

If you would like to serve, please see Fr. Gerry before Mass.

Counters Roster.

11/11. Group 5. 18/11. Group 6.

Newsletter Photocopying.

Rostered 10/11.

Archdiocesan/Secular Calendar.

4-11/11. 31st & 32nd Sundays of the Year. The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls. Remembrance Day. Anglican Roman Catholic Reconciliation. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Retreat at Sunnybank. Centacare CFRS. Our Lady of 33 Orientals. Saint Leo the Great.

Volunteers and Blue Cards.

Parish Volunteer Form and an Archdiocesan 'Code of Ethical Behaviour' form for volunteers to sign. Please collect the forms from Bronwyn at the Office, Terry or Margaret.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry having direct and regular involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This referencing is kept up to date at all times.

Parish Pastoral Council.

If you have any ideas or concerns within the Parish please raise them with your pastoral councillors personally or alternatively by sending an email to bridge@bne.catholic.net.au with the heading "For the attention of the Pastoral Council".

Vocation Views.

Jesus says when we give alms we "do not sound a trumpet before us". According to St. Ambrose, God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps. Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

Prayer Blog.

See Parish Blog updates on our website and on the board near the Sacristy. Parishioners may write a

short piece on how they pray and share reflections.

RCIA. Enq. Margaret Halpin

menALIVE Weekend for Men.

10-11/11. Come and benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? A QLD menALIVE weekend is being held in St. Kevin's Parish. Geebung, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Australia Team. Enq. Chris Scharf 0411 127 576 or Brendan Scarce 0432 148 025 or email: menalivegeebung@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Weekend -

hosted by The Capuchin Friars: 16-18/11. Retreat for men aged 18-35. Starts 7:30pm. Friday at the Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and concludes at 3pm. on Sunday. Cost \$30. Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice. More info at: <https://www.capuchin.org.au/event/brisbane-vocation-discernment-weekend/>

Nouwen Network.

The Nouwen's purpose is to support all those suffering from mental illness and their families, across all faith communities. Enq. Gloria

Irish Community Nov. Remembrance Mass.

Sun. 4/11 at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. The Mass is being organised by The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc (IASAQ. Enq., IASAQ 0432 087 328.

St. Joseph's School.

Planning for next year is well underway! As indicated last week, Gary will be on leave for next week only, he will be taking a break with his Dad and his brother Mark. We hope they have an enjoyable and relaxing time together. Mrs. Jo Boyle will be Acting Principal in his absence. The year 6 Students present:- Mary Poppins JR. Thu. 8/11 and Fri. 9/11 both at 7pm. Tickets \$14 adults, \$7 Concession and students. Children under school age free. Tickets available at the Door or phone the School on 3261 2858.

St. John Fisher College.

Limited vacancies 2019 & 2020. Enrol now at www.stjohnfishercollege.qld.edu.au

Following on from the Royal Commission.

At the end of February 2018, the parish published the final weekly update on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and committed to monitoring internet sources for new information and providing it through the parish newsletter. This is our follow on. On 22 October, the day of the National Apology by the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said abuse perpetrated by priests, brothers, sisters and lay people was "an utter betrayal of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and it should never have happened". The Church renews "our profound and heartfelt apology to all victims and survivors of abuse and to their families, friends and supporters, who have

shared their suffering". A joint ACBC / CRA statement may be read here. <https://tinyurl.com/y8tugzbb> On Sunday 21 October, a new shrine was unveiled in the Cathedral of St Stephen and dedicated to all victims / survivors of sexual abuse. A 1m 31s video may be viewed here. <https://tinyurl.com/yd7tvstz> Netta Sheridan.

Specialist Support – Updated

Director of Professional Standards Office (Qld)

Helpline - 1800 337 928

Centacare Family and Relationship Services -

Brisbane 07 3251 5000

Lifeline - 13 11 14

UnitingCare – Chermiside 07 3624 2400

Living Well - Strathpine 07 3028 4648

Blackall Fete Update.

Please check out the back page of the newsletter in the WAG section.

A big "Thank You" to those who have already donated so generously to our Blackall Fete "Treasure Hunt" Stall. If you are still wondering what you can donate, here are some ideas. As we intend to have a "Christmas Hamper" Raffle at the Fete, anything in a Christmas theme would be very much appreciated including Food e.g. Christmas Cake, Pudding, Nuts, Pretzels, Lollies and of course, presents. To support the Business People of the town we hope to receive donations of Cash which would enable us to purchase Vouchers from the Hairdresser, Chemist, Newsagent, Coffee Shop, Eating places to have as Prizes on our Stall. Please contact any of our Team - John & Sharyn Rogers, Greg & Sharyn McLagan, Maurice & Glenda Murdoch for collection or place Donations in the box at the rear of the Church. **Sunday 18th November 9am will be last date donation can be accepted.**

Queensland Churches Together.

Fairtrade and Social Enterprise Christmas Markets.

To be held at Lakes College School on 11/11. The markets start at 2.30pm and will be followed by talks from 6.30pm. AND

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture.

Celebrating 70 years of the World Council of Churches. Sun. 18/11 at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann St., Brisbane at 6pm. RSVP by 9/11 to 3369 6792 or admin@gct.org.au

Women's Discernment Retreat.

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you! 24- 25/11. 9am. Sat. - 5pm. Sun. At Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley, Enq., or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508.

PALMS Australia.

PALMS Australia invites you to EXPLORE A NEW MISSION. Find out about Assignments abroad. How does PALMS approach work? Would you like to know more?

Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG.

Samoa and Myanmar. **Palms Information**

Session: Fri. 9/11. 5.30pm. At Brisbane Square Library. George St., Brisbane. Find out more at

www.palms.org.au/events or phone 02 9560 533

Volunteers embrace a life of solidarity with their host communities during a mission of 1-3 years. Palms Australia gives us an opportunity to show the true face of the Church. Enq. 3324 3415 or aomail@bne.catholic.net.au

Care for Creation Group.

<http://stjosephsbrackenridgecareforcreation.weebly.com> is our Care for Creation website and Facebook page. It has lots of useful resources that may be of interest. We value your feedback on any improvements we can make. With Pope Francis we pray: "That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". The Parish Care for Creation Group meets in the Parish Centre at 4.45pm., on the third Saturday of each month. All very welcome. Enq Rosemary and Peter Bugden

To the People of God of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The painting of the patron of the Archdiocese, St. Mary MacKillop, copies of which are in our parish churches, will soon have a permanent home in one of the turrets at the front of the cathedral. Beneath it will stand a marble image of the Sacred Heart from the cathedral before the 1989 renovation, keeping in mind that the full name of the Congregation founded by St Mary MacKillop is the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. I have also decided that in this space we will entrust all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who knew the pain of the victim and the strength of the survivor. The turret will contain a candle and inscription remembering those who have been abused and their loved ones, and entrusting them to the loving intercession of Mother Mary of the Cross. The candle will stand on stone from Jerusalem, linking the memorial to the whole story of salvation. In the turret we will also place another marble from old St Stephen's – an image of the crucifixion with Mary and John beneath the Cross. The one on the Cross represents all who have been abused and the two figures beneath the Cross represent their family and friends who have shared their suffering. May this be a powerful and enduring response inspired by the Gospel which so inspired St Mary MacKillop to respond to the needs of her own time. Archbishop of Brisbane.

Lawn Maintenance.

Maintaining lawns is a hard work, and not everyone can spare all that time and energy at all stages of their life, at D&A we mow lawns and we aim to make it simple for you. Our motto is, best services for best prices. Contact us now: Anas Raed: 0413 271 432. David Nabeel: 0490 388 459. Email: da.mowingservices@gmail.com

Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and or subscribe to weekly shows by email.

Life Procession.

Pray to End Abortion. Third Saturday of each month. Mass St. Brigid's. Red Hill. 6.30am. Gather at Roma Street Parkland. Walk to Wickham Terrace praying the Rosary. Enq. www.prolifeprocession.org

Memorandum.

Members of our community may choose to have a small wooden cross placed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a period of time, in memory of loved ones who pass away. The chapel can be accessed at any time, so families are welcome to spend time there remembering those who are now at rest in God's peace. Crosses are available on request through Barbara Masterman. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council, at the suggestion of one of our community and has been made possible by the generosity and giftedness of David Griffiths. Thank you, David.

Mother Teresa Shrine.

At Marian Valley - for St. Teresa of Calcutta. Walk around to see other Shrines, visit to the Adoration Chapel, walk the Way of the Cross. Enq. David Leahy 0478 63 88 75

Poor Box: Your donation to the Poor Box enables the SVDP Society to help those in our community who are in need.

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Spirit of God,
Give us the openness, deep within us.
To recognise, daily,
All people as made in your image and likeness.
Help us to learn from one another.
the ways of being fully alive;
At peace with ourselves and with those around us.
Give us the courage to transform
those parts of ourselves and our world
That separate and create enmity.
Help us to take steps to stop the cycle of violence
in our homes, in our work-places,
in our neighbourhoods, in our country,
in our world.
May we be open to our deepest yearning
for a world alive with your justice and truth,
to dream of a society
where all are treated with respect,
And, with the power of your Spirit,
to take steps to bring it about.
Amen.

The gift of Prayer:

Pray for your family and friends. Tell them you pray for them! Praying for someone is a way of saying, "You are so special to me that I talk to God about you".

4th of November. 31st Sunday of the Year.

Our Parish Family—Sister Parish with Blackall-Tambo Parish in the Diocese of Rockhampton & supporting South Sudan—Patroness St Josephine Bakhita—

We acknowledge the Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

QUICK REFERENCE ...

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Training.

Aspley Parish.

Sunday, November 18. 10.30am. – 12.30pm.

Francis Rush Centre. Brisbane City.

Wednesday, November 7. 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Thursday, December 6. 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Anyone in our parish who needs to complete this training is most welcome to attend.

First though you must Register and Terry Tolhurst can do this for you. Please contact him

SVDP

Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month after 9am Mass. Enq Jeff Walsh

St Joseph's Craft Group

Our Craft Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month after the 9am Mass 9.30-11.30am.

Next gathering Monday 19 November. Unless otherwise notified: No Gatherings in December 18 and January 19. Enq Jan or Jan

Our Parish Newsletter online

<http://www.stjosephsbrackenridge.com/parishnewsletter.html>

Friday Night Prayer Vigils

Quiet prayer and reflection in the Church 7-8pm., each Friday night All welcome

@BNEArchdiocese Mobile App.

Archbishop Mark's Homilies, Mass times, News, events. Enq. brisbanecatholic.org.au

Youth Groups

BLITZ:- Next Meeting Sun. 4/11 in the Parish Centre from 4.30 – 6pm. We will be welcoming Grade 3 students that week, so all students in Grades 3-5 are welcome to join us. Gold coin donation.

Enq Emma Beach



ROCK: Meeting today, Sun. 28/10 in the Parish Centre from 5 – 7pm. ROCK will be welcoming Grade 6 students. All students between years 6-12 welcome Enq Emma Beach



SALT:- Young Adults Group (Ages: 18 to 30). All young adults welcome. Enq. Jess

Men's Prayer Group

Held every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. All gentlemen of the Parish invited and welcome. Enq. Philip

Women's Prayer Group

Gathering each Wednesday in the Church from 9.30 – 10.30am., followed by a cuppa. All welcome. Enq. Margaret

Our Library.

Just make your choice and write your name and the title of the book you are borrowing in the booklet provided. Please check out the wide variety available.

Cath. Social Justice Council website. (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au). Copies of the Statement are available on the Paper Table.

WAG (World Action Group)

WAG: The current financial status: **SOUTH SUDAN** we have already paid for **ELEVEN** wells and we are only \$2,500 (Aus) away from Well No. 12! and **BLACKALL** we sending another \$2000 to Blackall next week that makes \$6,000 that we have sent in 2018. As always, we want to say a very big **THANK YOU** to all of the people who so generously donate to the buckets and watering cans before and after each Mass. Without your help, we simply could not support these two very worthy causes. Enq. Terry and Rita Tolhurst

Giving

Our Parish takes up one collection for the support of our priest, parish and contribution to the Archdiocese. It is taken up before the offertory. Current number of Envelope Givers: 67. Current number of Direct Debit Givers: 94. Thank you for your giving from last weekend:-

Envelopes	\$677.
Direct Debit	\$1741.
Loose	\$943.
Total	\$3361.

Budgeted Weekly Target: \$3462.

Average – Week 43. \$3327.

Please consider joining our Planned Giving Programme

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Please place slip on the collection plate or email Bronwyn Venzke at bridge@bne.catholic.net.au Many thanks for your support.



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